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NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ACTION

LANDS OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM LA MADRE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS & RAINBOW MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

To Whom It May Concern:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is required to inform all affected or interested persons or organizations about any proposed action or unauthorized activity occurring within BLM Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas. The following proposed action is a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application from the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) to conduct education and training courses for rock climbing guides.

Location

La Madre Mountain Wilderness

- Township 20S, Range 58E, Sections 25-36
- Township 20S, Range 59E, Sections 30, 31
- Township 21S, Range 58E, Sections 4, 6, 7

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness

- Township 20S, Range 58E, Sections 31, 32
- Township 21S, Range 58E, Sections 4-9, 16-21, 27-34
- Township 22S, Range 58E, Sections 3-10, 15-18, 21, 22, 27, 28

Proposed Action

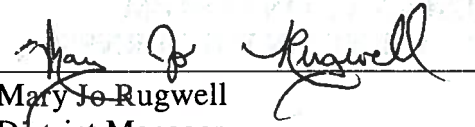
Commercial rock climbing guide services would guide clients within Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA), La Madre Mountain Wilderness, and Rainbow Mountain Wilderness. The permit would be valid October 1, 2009 to October 20, 2009. The guide services would hike into rock climbing crags, and long multi-pitch routes, climbing at the crag or route using gear called cams and stoppers that would not leave permanent scarring of the rock. The guide service would leave the NCA or wilderness areas at the end of each day, unless they secure a Late Exit Permit or Overnight Permit. The guide service would be limited to a maximum of ten clients and three guides to be located in one area at a time.

No new trail construction would be permitted. Participants would be required to remain on existing, designated trails. All trash would be hauled away after each day of guiding. A Leave

No Trace ethic would be taught by each guide service. The permittee would be required to adhere to the standard stipulations for a SRP plus any additional stipulations addressing specific concerns.

Please submit comments to the District Manager for consideration and use in evaluating and processing the proposed action at the address below. Alternately, comments may be sent to lvwilderness@nv.blm.gov. All comments must be received by the closing date of this comment period on July 31, 2009. A decision on the proposed action is anticipated for August 2009, with an implementation date of October 2009. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Sendi Kalcic at 702-515-5297.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure:

Figure 1. Map of Proposed Locations

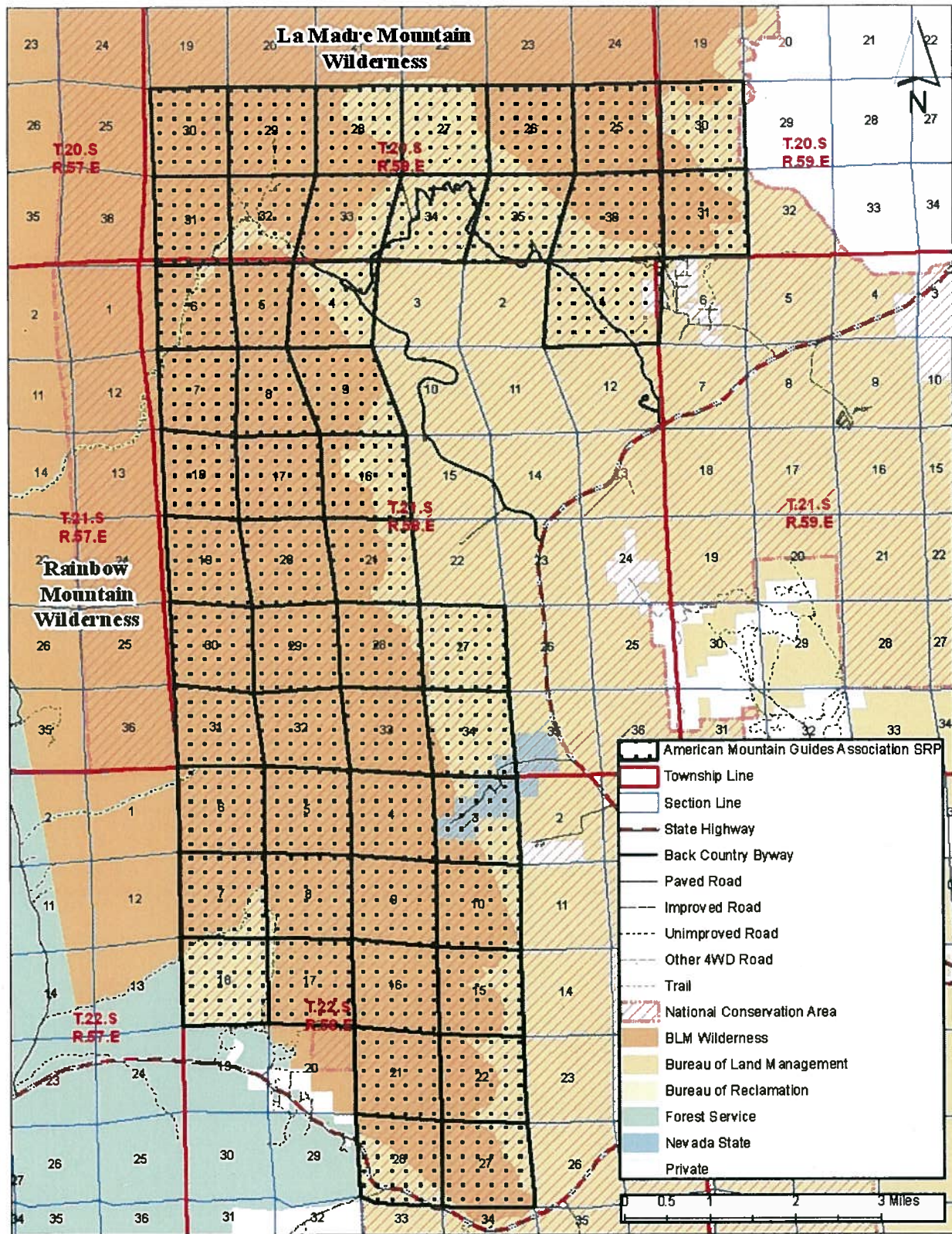


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